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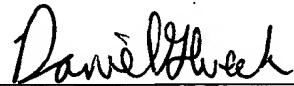
Favorable consideration and entry hereof are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1 through 42 are pending, with Claims 1, 13, 14, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 41, and 42 being independent. Claims 1-3, and 29-31 have been amended.

Applicant gratefully wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during a telephonic conversation on April 18, 2005. During the conversation, Applicant's representative and the Examiner discussed the amendments herein, and Applicant understands that the Examiner is in tentative agreement that the same will be entered. The changes are intended to ensure that the application issues in even better form, and are respectfully submitted not to entail a substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Patent and Trademark Office. MPEP 714.16. Favorable consideration and entry hereof are respectfully requested.

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